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# THE PACER

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when told of the exact text of the First Amendment, more than one in three high school students said it goes "too far" in the rights it guarantees.

Half of the students said newspapers should not be allowed to publish freely without government approval of stories.

source: FirstAmendmentFuture.org

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Today	47	☀️
Partly Cloudy	31	☁️
Wednesday	44	☁️
Possible Snow	28	❄️
Thursday	49	☀️
Mostly Sunny	33	☁️
Friday	54	☀️
Mostly Sunny	35	☁️
Saturday	55	☀️
Mostly Sunny	42	☁️

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## Federal Reserve board member to speak at UTM

*Academic speaker to speak on the global economy and the Federal Reserve system*

**University Relations**

Susan Bies, member of the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System, will speak at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 7, at the University of Tennessee at Martin Boling University Center in Watkins Auditorium. She will lecture about global economic change and the role of the Federal Reserve.

Her appearance is co-sponsored by the Honors Programs, the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking and the International Business Lectures Series (IBLS). The event is free and open to the public.

"It is an honor to have Governor Bies at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Dr. Bies, along with Chairman

Greenspan and their colleagues on the Federal Reserve Board, play a vital role in the U.S. and global economies. Their monetary policy decisions directly affect the level of interest rates and their regulatory activities work to insure that the U.S. financial system operates smoothly," said Dr. Tom Payne, Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking.

Bies took office in 2001 as a member of the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System. Prior to becoming a member of the board, she was executive vice president for risk management and auditor at First Tennessee National Corporation in Memphis. She was an assistant professor of economics at Wayne State University

in Detroit, Mich., and chief regional and banking structure economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

"She accepted our invitation to speak after learning that she would also have the opportunity to meet directly with groups of UT Martin students. Her position on the Federal Reserve Board makes her one of the most powerful in the world, but she has retained her love of teaching and her heart for mentoring young people," Payne said.

Bies has been an active leader in various organizations, including the Emerging Issues Task Force of Financial Accounting Standards Board, the committee on corporate reporting of the



**Bies**

Financial Executives Institute, the End Users of Derivatives Association, the American Bankers Association and the Bank Administration Institute.

She received a bachelor's degree in education from the State College of New York at Buffalo and a master's and doctorate in economics from Northwestern University.

"As a governor of the Federal Reserve System, Susan Bies meets regularly with Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan to make decisions that have a powerful effect on the United States and world economy. Her visit is an exceptional opportunity for us to learn how the Fed works and how its decisions impact our lives," said Dr. William Zachry, director of honors programs at UT Martin.

## Martin police crack down on underage drinking

*Undercover cops quietly join college students at bars, issue citations for those not of age*

**Kevin Teets**  
Senior Reporter

Martin Police and other authorities are cracking down on underage drinking.

Anyone who has visited the local bars around Martin lately would have noticed that there are more police officers in the bars than there were a few months ago. This is because of a grant that the city of Martin has received to fight underage drinking. This grant money is putting more officers both in uniform and undercover in the bars and on the streets checking for underage drinkers.

The Governor's Highway Office awarded the grant of nearly \$33,000 to the city. Capt. Scott Robbins of the Martin Police Department (MPD) said the grant money is also going to be used to teach classes about alcohol awareness.

"Not only are we going to bring in extra officers from time to time to primarily check for underage drinking offenders, but you are going to be seeing the police department being even more proactive in alcohol awareness programs in

the local schools, college and anyone else requesting one," Robbins said.

The implementation of the grant money started last fall and since then the MPD reports that it has had several citations for underage drinking. According to data released today by MPD, there have been over 70 drinking-age violation citations issued since the end of October 2004.

Martin Police is not alone in this effort to deter underage drinking. The UTM Department of Public Safety is working toward this effort as well. The Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC) has also been in Martin doing ID checks and making sure that retail stores and taverns that sell alcohol are in compliance with all laws that apply.

**In 2003, there were 11 alcohol related offenses committed on campus, as reported to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.**

— Source: Crime on Campus (2003)



**Academics**

## Greek grades come in on positive note

**Kevin Teets**  
Senior Reporter

Greek grades from fall 2004 show great improvement compared to fall 2003.

The fraternity and sorority averages for fall 2004 are both up when compared to the fall semester of 2003. The fraternities have the biggest achievement to boast about, as they raised their all-fraternity average by more than one-tenth of a point.

Both the fraternities and sororities have made improvements, but those organizations that were in the top last fall are still in the top this fall. Leading in the fraternities for fall 2004 is Alpha Gamma Rho with a 2.97, followed by Sigma Phi Epsilon with a 2.95 and Alpha Tau Omega with a 2.90.

Alpha Delta Pi leads the sororities once again with a 3.22 chapter GPA, followed by Chi Omega with a 3.08 and Alpha Omicron Pi with a 3.00.

Kappa Alpha Order, Phi Sigma Kappa and Sigma Alpha Epsilon all scored below the all-male average for the IFC fraternities. Kappa

**Fall 2004 By the Numbers**

Sorority	GPA	
Alpha Delta Pi	3.22	PHC
Chi Omega	3.08	PHC
Alpha Omicron Pi	3.00	PHC
— All Sorority	2.96	
— All Female	2.91	
Zeta Tau Alpha	2.70	PHC
Gamma Kappa Pi	2.43	Ind.*
Delta Sigma Theta	2.39	NPHC
Zeta Phi Beta	2.24	NPHC

Fraternity	GPA	
Alpha Gamma Rho	2.97	IFC
Sigma Phi Epsilon	2.95	IFC
Alpha Tau Omega	2.90	IFC
Sigma Chi Colony	2.75	IFC
— All Fraternity	2.67	
Pi Kappa Alpha	2.62	IFC
— All Male	2.61	
Kappa Alpha Order	2.53	IFC
Phi Sigma Kappa	2.49	IFC
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	2.16	IFC
Kappa Alpha Psi	2.14	NPHC
Phi Beta Sigma	2.08	NPHC
Omega Psi Phi	1.77	NPHC

PHC - Panhellenic Council  
IFC - Interfraternal Council  
NPHC - National Panhellenic Council  
Ind. - Independent

Alpha Psi, Phi Beta Sigma and Omega Psi Phi also scored below the all-male average and were at the bottom of the grade list among fraternities.

The director of Greek Life, Louis Ragsdale, says he is very proud of the accomplishments. "Grades are up for last semester. We're looking forward to seeing good grades come out of the organizations for this spring as well."

## Forum to discuss tsunami tragedy in context of faith

**University Relations**

In response to recent natural and man-made disasters around the world, the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon at the University of Tennessee at Martin will sponsor, "Faith in the Face of Disaster," at 7 p.m., Feb. 3, in the UC legislative chambers. The event is free and open to the public.

"Faith In the Face of Disaster" is a panel discussion, which will help to enlighten people about the way in which different faiths interpret life. The panel will consist of representatives from various religious affiliations, including Joel Newman, Judaism; Dr. Tahira Arshed, Muslim;

Richard Saunders, Mormon; Michael Riley, Buddhism; Brendan Sweetman, Maori; J.J. Kent, Lakota Indian and Jane Ogg, Baptist.

The panel discussion will begin with each panelist briefly describing the basic principles of their faith. The moderator, Luther T. Mercer II, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, will then address the panel individually and as a group on the way in which their faiths cope with disaster. Finally, the audience will be allowed to ask questions regarding current events, such as the recent tsunami in Southeast Asia and East Africa, the genocidal tragedy in Darfur and Sudan, which have had far reaching effects on humanity.

## Weakley County joins statewide program aimed at spurring economic growth

**Stephen Yeargin**  
Executive Editor

"Cooperation is key" was the central message brought to county civic leaders from the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development.

The Weakley County Joint Economic and Community Development Board and the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce met at 6:30 p.m. Thursday night at the University of Tennessee at Martin with civic leaders to discuss growth opportunities for the county.

Over forty people attended the dinner, with a keynote address from Joe Barker, assistant commissioner for the Tennessee Department of

**Economy & Business**

Economic and Community Development.

Andy Page, president of the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the Joint Economic and Community Development Board, opened the meeting by giving an overview of where the county is today in terms of economic development.

"We have a lot to be thankful for in Weakley County, but there are some concerns," Page said.

Page said that it was important to realize that the last major employer that came to Weakley County was MTD in 1995. Page also said the county has lost about 3,000 industrial jobs, and that the

county's unemployment rate is around 7.4 percent.

Joe Barker, assistant commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development has made numerous stops across Tennessee, talking about how communities and counties should work together toward the same aims.

A key step in the plan is for community leaders to recognize the assets the county has, not the ones it desires. Barker suggested that some communities "are trying to compete out of their league."

"What if we focused what we are doing on what our assets are?" Barker said, speaking of such things as

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### Our View

## Editorial: County, city need a wakeup call

It is appropriate that the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce chose UTM to host a dinner for the Joint Economic Development Board. Every guest speaker mentioned that UTM was one of the county's treasures.

The event was the first step in a new program from the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development that advocates and facilitates a more thoughtful approach to economic development.

This isn't a new concept; Martin has had an Economic Development Council for years.

We are particularly reminded of Chancellor Dunagan's comments that "when Weakley County thrives, so do our students." The chancellor isn't one for lip service - he really believes that sentiment, and has repeated it on multiple occasions.

Over the last few years, an effort has been made to unify the city and university through various committees, dinners and summits. While progress has been made from otherwise cold relationships, little evidence comes to mind when looking for substantial change.

We applaud assistant commissioner Baker's presenta-

tion that economic development is more of a county concern, not one of the individual cities. We just hope it did not fall on deaf ears by the Martin contingent present.

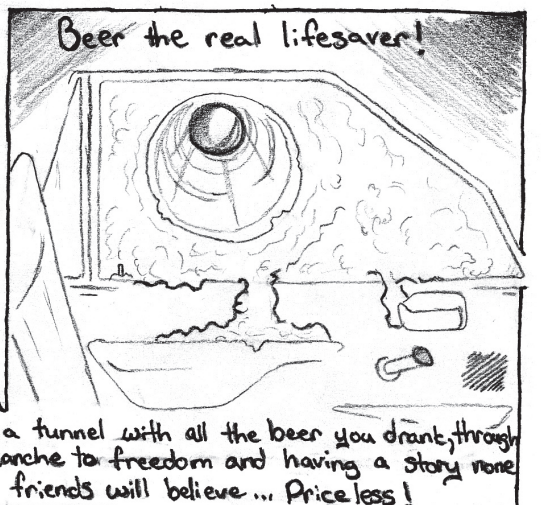
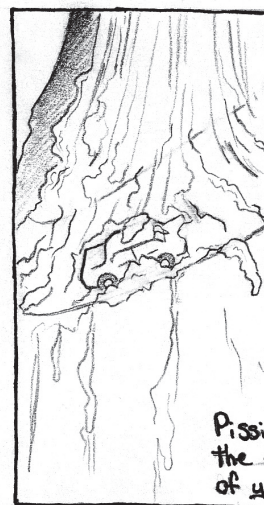
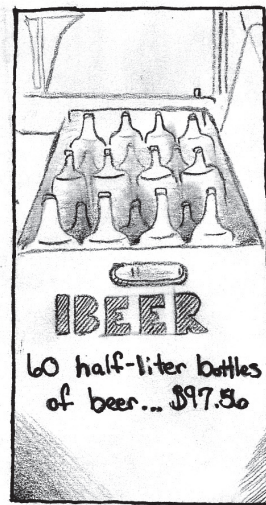
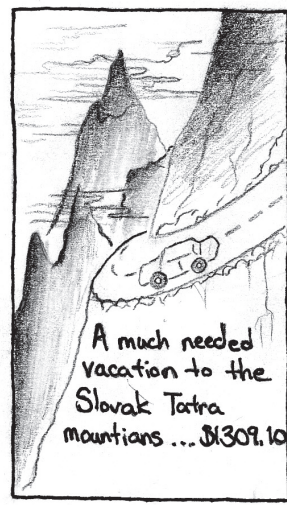
One of the key components of the presentation was to urge counties to look at what they have, not what they want. Some say that Martin and Weakley County need an interstate to remain competitive in the region. Others say that we need more manufacturing jobs to rejuvenate our suffering economy.

While these people wish away, we hope some see that Weakley County is blessed to have the university, the diversity it brings and the industry it creates.

The message is simple: tailor what you have to what you want.

Rather than attracting manufacturers who must have a nearby interstate, focus on getting that call center for a major company to locate here. Even with the exportation of these jobs overseas, the opportunity still exists for companies looking to expand.

Time will tell if any progress came out of this meeting. We hope that this is a step in the right direction.



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ERIC WHITE / Editorial Illustrator

## Letters to the Editor

### Criticism should be constructive in music program, not judgemental

I came into this music program knowing that I would be behind other majors. I hear of whispers behind my back about me, my ignorance, and the countless bad habits that I have developed (and am still not fully aware of) due to a lack of proper instruction from the beginning. I have previously chosen to ignore these comments, but now that they are one of the main things affecting my performance, I can no longer ignore them. I am greatly lacking confidence, which keeps me from playing to my full ability because I feel like my every move is being judged.

I would like to ask, what are we here for? I assume it is to learn. That would suggest that the criticism of fellow

students would not be a part of anyone's purpose. Each person comes from a different situation with more or less previous opportunities and different learning abilities. Everyone has to start out somewhere and this just happens to be my starting level.

Instead of worrying about all of the current flaws of other students (and of our professors which are continuously learning, also), I suggest that we concentrate on the perfection of our own careers. Unless you'd like to take time out to assist those you judge, do not judge them. This is what they chose to do with their lives and it is their choice to make and theirs only.

Amber McKenzie  
Camden

### DUI not deserving of front page space, picture

I wish to address the issue that *The Pacer* covered placed a picture of a young man who was arrested on drunk driving charges and was placed on the front page of the newspaper.

I think that this is absolutely wrong. I do not condone drinking much less drinking and driving but I feel that it was totally wrong for *The Pacer* to place the young man's picture on the front page of the school newspaper.

He made a bad decision for his action and will have to suffer the legal consequences. There is no need for our school newspaper to publicly badger him by announcing to the school and community of his situation.

I understand that this

information is going to be published in the *Weakley County Press* and I feel that the school paper has the right to publish the story in *The Pacer*.

However, I do not agree with it being front page news and I do not agree with his picture being placed on the article as well. I work at the university and some other faculty share my opinion.

Please reconsider this method of sharing the news with your circulation audience.

Darrin McClure  
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## Global perspective important to understand tragedy

The tsunami that devastated so much of the world just a few weeks ago is rapidly fading into history and out of our consciousness. As hundreds of thousands of people rebuild and attempt to recover, we go back to our daily worries: "When are the bills due?" "What did he mean when he said that?" "What's for dinner?"

It's hard to begin to comprehend the unimaginable privilege in which we live. So much of the world has inadequate food, substandard shelter, bacteria-laden water and serious barriers to education. We have 96 channels on the television (even though there may not be anything worth watching), vehicles to transport us, abundant food and clean water for most of us and access to education for just about everyone. We live at the very top of the world in terms of resources, creature comforts and economic



Jennifer Y. Levy, Ph.D.  
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possibilities. Even the poorest of our citizens in this country are better off than the majority of folks in some countries.

How do we reconcile our life circumstances with our awareness that others are suffering? For some Americans, this is not a problem. They simply don't care. They feel entitled to whatever they have or can get, and while the individual human interest story may catch their attention, the plight of the world's poor or crisis-laden just doesn't interest them. The thought of millions of children orphaned by the AIDS epidemic in Africa doesn't touch them. When Oprah magazine runs articles on

the sexual exploitation of girls and women worldwide, they flip the page to the nail polish ads.

Fortunately, most of us do have a heart. We shed a few tears when we saw the devastation of the tsunami or heard the story of a baby swept from his mother's arms by the tidal wave. Sometimes we feel overwhelmed and helpless when we contemplate the world's misery. We can't rebuild thousands of villages by ourselves; we can't stop the genocide in the Sudan tomorrow; we can't cure the evils of racism and exploitation single-handedly. Feeling overwhelmed and helpless can lead to a sense of hopelessness and ultimately to depression or apathy. The world looks like a pretty ugly place. We become afraid and we withdraw.

Each person has to find his or her own way to grapple with this dilemma - how to live in a world that contains

so much suffering. I would encourage you to attend the "Faith in the Face of Disaster" panel discussion on February 3 at 7 pm in the University Center Legislative Chambers for a wide variety of viewpoints on this issue from various faith communities. I also think it is important to take some action, no matter how small, to improve the world. It might be tutoring a child, visiting someone in a nursing home, raising funds for disaster relief, going on a mission trip, joining the Peace Corps, writing a letter to the editor of a newspaper or even just educating yourself about world issues so you can become an informed voter. The famous quote by Adlai Stevenson speaks eloquently to me: "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness." In the wake of disaster, do something to bring hope.

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<b>LUNCH</b>								
Deli bar is available each day.								
<b>Classic</b>	Fried Chicken Tenders	Baked Chicken & Noodles	Brenda's Pizza	French Fried Cakes	Sausage Links	Solby in Sundae	Beef Taco w/ Sour Cream	Beef Taco w/ Sour Cream
<b>Grill</b>	Boneless Pork Rib Hoagie	Chicken Patty Sandwich	Chester Bacon Burger	Chicken Patty Sandwich		Menu offerings include:	Chicken Patty Sandwich	Chicken Patty Sandwich
<b>Fire</b>	Meatballs in Spicy Tomato Sauce	Szechuan Beef	Chicken St. Gallen-style	Chicken Pot Pie		Fried Green Tomatoes & Egg	Pork Zucchini	Pork Zucchini
<b>Ice</b>	Meat Chicken Wrap	Big Day Ranch Chicken Salad	Herbs Tuna Poked	Beef & Cheddar on Bun		Beef & Cheddar on Bun	Chicken Caesar	Chicken Caesar
<b>Pizza</b>	Meatlover's Pizza	Mexican Beef Pizza	Hot Italian Sausage Pizza	Sicilian Ranch Ultimate Pizza	Meatlover's Pizza	Chief Chef's Hearty Cream Cheese Stuffed Baby Ribs	BBO Chicken	BBO Chicken
Pasta Toss is available each day.								
<b>DINNER</b>								
Deli bar is available each day.								
<b>Classic</b>	Turkey Pot Roast	Herbed Chicken	Kansas City BBQ Pulled Pork	Saltwater Steak w/ Mushroom Sauce	Chopped Beef Steak w/ Onion	Menu offerings include:	Italian-style Pork Loin	Italian-style Pork Loin
<b>Grill</b>	Boneless Pork Rib Hoagie	Chicken Patty Sandwich	Chester Bacon Burger	Chicken Patty Sandwich		French Quarter Cakes	Chicken Patty Sandwich	Chicken Patty Sandwich
<b>Fire</b>	Onion Beef w/ Rice	Meat Stuffed	Korean Chicken Strips	Stuffed Potatoes		Chicken & Sausage	Pepper & Egg	Pepper & Egg
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# Convenience always comes at a cost

Americans, including myself, love convenience. We are a nation obsessed with it, and anything that can be done to make life easier, we'll make sure it's done. While I love finding a close parking space and have gotten to the point that I can't imagine life without a computer I also recognize that sometimes a little extra work is worth the effort.



**Elaine Wilson**  
Staff  
Columnist

The biggest complaint here at UTM is parking. True, there are more students than there are parking spaces but given a little time and effort most of us do find somewhere to park our cars and still manage to get to class. The problem is that we simply don't want to walk the extra steps, be it here or the local mall. Parking always is a controversial issue, but really it's just a matter of convenience.

This culture of convenience has infiltrated all areas of our daily lives. Americans are inundated with advertisements about the latest diet trends and hopes for that weight-loss miracle. Everyone is looking for that magic pill that will give them the perfect body yet circle the parking lot in their cars looking for the closest spot as they go to yoga class.

Every night there are infomercials dedicated to selling us abdominal machines that send electrical impulses to our muscles to give us that flat stomach. If only getting

automatic and will even put themselves away when they are done with the job. As for cell phones, I both love them and hate them. We can reach virtually anyone at any time but we have also sacrificed genuine conversation for convenient small talk. Instead of sitting down and talking to a friend or getting to know someone we do it while we're driving or, heaven forbid, watching a movie in a theater.

I'm just as guilty as the next person. How would I ever make it through school without a computer and the Internet? Computers are wonderfully convenient but they also promote laziness. We've lost the art of letter writing because e-mail is so quick and easy. We even send Christmas and birthday greetings this way instead of sending cards. Now when I get something that someone took the time to write and mail I feel very special. I also tend to forget that there was a time that I actually had to go to a library and look something up in an encyclopedia. And, believe it or not, I had to learn how to spell when I was growing up because there was no Spellcheck.

Convenience can be great but the next time you see something that looks so easy ask yourself at what cost it comes. We shouldn't give up some of the best things in life in the name of progress.

in shape were really that easy we'd all have great physiques and be able to run around baring our midribs. Everyone is looking for the shortcut, the easiest, most convenient way to do something.

We use microwave ovens to cook our food quickly because we're in a hurry and it's easy. Now, even this sometimes isn't quick enough. Bacon now comes prepackaged and precooked so that those of us who actually take the time to eat breakfast don't have to put any effort into cooking at all. Instead of making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches ourselves we can buy them pre-made and packaged on our grocery store shelves. We can even buy bread without the crust so that we don't have to put all that hard work into removing it. I suppose this saves some time but it's also a little ridiculous. Have we become so lazy that we can't even remove the crust from our bread?

We complain about doing the laundry as if we had to take it outside and wash it in the nearest stream. How difficult is it to put the clothes into a machine and turn it on? We have vacuum cleaners now that are totally

# Congratulations

The following students were recognized Nov. 16, 2004, for their high academic achievement by the UTM chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, an international honor society founded in 1900. The honorees represent the academic top 5 percent of the freshman class and top 10 percent of the senior class.

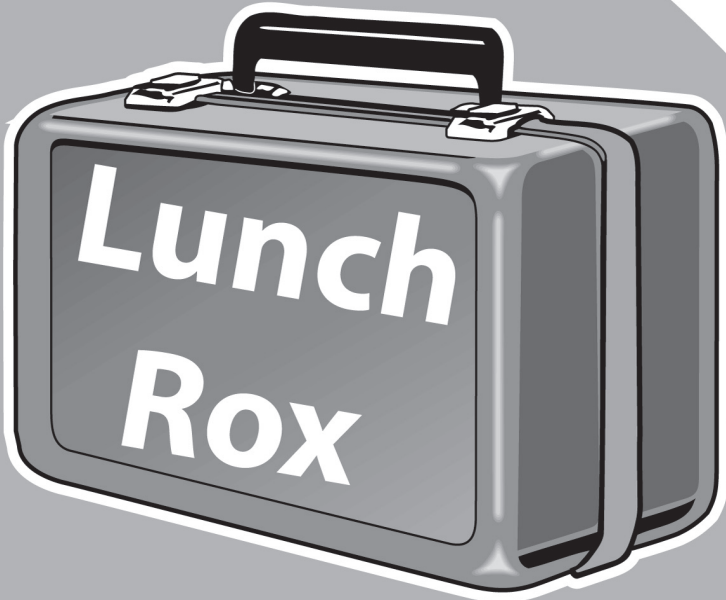


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## To buy or not to buy?

Elizabeth Watts  
Asst. A&E Editor

According to a survey by Zogby International, an independent polling and research firm, of 1,029 U.S. college faculty from two- and four-year institutions, 84 percent of instructors believe students need a textbook to complete their courses.

Patricia Schroeder, president and CEO of the Association of American Publishers said, "This survey confirms the conventional wisdom that next to the professor, the text is the most critical tool students have to ensure academic success."

Zogby also found that 80 percent of professors polled thought that is important for textbook materials to be as current as possible, and three-fourths of instructors thought either required or recommended the use of supplementary materials in addition to textbooks.

UTM has many labs and learning centers to help students with their classes. The

Modern Foreign Language department has the Muriel Tomlinson Language Resource Center to help students with their foreign language courses.

Dr. Daniel Nappo, assistant professor of Spanish, said, "I've read evaluations from the fall semester and students gave positive feedback for the lab. The lab helped with vocabulary, pronunciation, and to reinforce ideas taught in the classroom."

The Zogby survey found that more than 70 percent of professors require students to read and study at least half of the textbooks they assign for a particular course. Also, three-fourths of professors advise their students early in the course that using the textbook is necessary to get a better grade.

Dr. David Coffey, assistant professor of History, said, "If a professor assigns a book, the text should be required and students should be required to buy it. Teachers should not assign textbooks they don't intend to use."

## Financial aid sponsors 'FAFSA nights'

### University Relations

The Office of Student Financial Assistance will sponsor a session in February on how to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The on-campus session is scheduled from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Feb. 22, in UC 111.

Additional sessions are scheduled from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Feb. 3, at the UT Martin Tennessee Technology Center in Jackson, and Feb. 7, at the McNairy County Selmer Center computer lab.

The workshop will provide assistance to fill out the

FAFSA form online, answers to financial aid questions and information regarding the Tennessee HOPE Lottery Scholarship.

Participants need to take completed 2004 tax returns for both the student and parents, W2 forms from 2004 for both the student and parents and, if available, their Personal Identification Number (PIN) for electronic signature. To apply for a PIN, go to [www.pin.edu.gov](http://www.pin.edu.gov).

For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance at (731) 881-7040.

## DPS warns of hit and run consequences

Kevin Teets  
Senior Reporter

Leaving the scene of an accident will cost you more than just the money for the damages you caused. You could lose your driver's license, pay more than \$300 in fines and even spend up to one year in jail.

Lt. Ray Coleman of the UTM Department of Public Safety says that "hit and run" accidents have become an area of concern for the police on campus. Within the past school year the department believes to have processed at least five hit and run accidents, with the most recent one occurring last week.

Shortly after noon on January 19, a UTM employee went to the Department of Public Safety to report a hit and run accident that he witnessed occur outside of Gooch Hall. According to this witness, a blue Chevrolet Malibu was backing out of a parking lot and hit a legally parked Oldsmobile. The driver of the Chevrolet, who was later identified as Hsiang-Jung Peng, was observed leaving the scene of the accident, but not before the witness was able to write down the plate numbers on the vehicle.

When approached by police Peng said he was unaware

that he had hit a vehicle. Officers were able to observe damage to Peng's bumper, but Peng claimed he didn't know where it came from. Damages to the victim's vehicle were under \$400. Peng was issued a citation for leaving the scene of an accident and causing property damage and will appear before the Weakley County General Sessions Court.

Lt. Coleman says that the police are taking hit and runs very seriously. "These crimes have victims and we are go-



Illustration: ERIC WHITE / The Pacer

ing to investigate every hit and run accident and prosecute," Coleman says.

If you're involved in an accident you must call the police. Campus police can be contacted at 731-881-7777. When an officer arrives on scene he will complete a State of Tennessee Crash Report. Officers will need to see a copy of the driver's insurance and drivers license. No charges are filed and tickets are not issued unless there is an extreme situation that warrants a ticket.

Calling police and filling out the crash report is going to be a better choice than leaving the scene of an accident and finding yourself facing criminal charges, potentially losing your license and spending one year in jail.

If anyone witnesses a hit and run accident or other crime they are encouraged to contact the police. Crime tips can also be left anonymously with the UTM police by going to <http://crime.utm.edu>.

## UTM offers opportunities for travel around the world

Jessica Spicer  
Staff Writer

UTM offers a variety of exciting travel-study experiences. Travel-study trips allow people to travel to areas in this country as well as to areas in foreign countries that they might not have an opportunity to experience. Travel studies also give students the opportunity to learn about other cultures and other ways of life.

Elizabeth Hinds, a senior Pre-Medicine and History major from Martin, said, "I went on a travel study to Italy. It was by far the experience of a lifetime. UTM does such a great job at scheduling a variety of activities for the group. It ensured us that

we would see the most sights we possibly could while we were there. I would recommend this program to anyone."

Travel-study opportunities are open to students, faculty and the public. Students also have the opportunity to earn credit hours for their travel studies. UTM does its best to link this travel program to an academic experience for its participants.

The length of travel-study trips varies. They can range from less than a week up to three weeks. These trips are taken year-round, but primarily in the summer months or over fall, Christmas, or spring breaks.

There are currently four announced trips for the upcoming

spring break. Destinations include New York City, southern Spain and Portugal, Brazil, Paris, Marseilles, and Rome. There are also a variety of trips planned for the upcoming summer break beginning in May.

Lucretia Westmoreland, a senior Marketing/Pre-Occupational Therapy major from Humboldt, will be experiencing her first taste of international travel via a UTM travel study.

"I have never been outside of the USA and I consider this travel study opportunity to be a blessing," Westmoreland said.

The price of travel studies vary in cost based upon the destination and the length of the trip. Dr. David Coffey,

assistant professor of the Department of History and Philosophy, said, "Professor Stan Sieber works tirelessly to get the cheapest prices possible for the students for the trips."

There are multiple ways that the university makes for students to receive monies to have the opportunity to go on these trips. Scholarships are also made available to students through the department of their majors and students are also able to apply for student aid for the trips.

Anyone interested in any type of travel study should contact Prof. Stan Sieber at (731) 881-7467. A list of upcoming trips is also available at <http://www.utm.edu/stafflinks/ssieber>.

## Pacer Bulletin Board

The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in The Pacer's "Bulletin Board" section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to [pacer\\_news@mars.utm.edu](mailto:pacer_news@mars.utm.edu) or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

### Black Student Association

A general meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the U.C. Legislative Chambers. It will be a movie night, with "A Salute to Jazz" being the theme. Attendance is highly recommended.

### Blood Drive

Lifeline Blood Services will be sponsoring a blood drive Tuesday, February 1st and Wednesday, February 2nd from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All donors receive a T-shirt.

### Career Services Presentations

The Office of Career Services offers presentations to classes and organizations which can be tailored for specific academic majors or groups.

These presentations may include information on testing to determine jobs best suited to interests, psychological type and values, career planning, decision making, managing a career after graduation and jobs or career fields applicable to a particular academic major.

To discuss or schedule a presentation for your class or group, contact Bob Beard at (731) 881-7720.

### Graduate School Offerings

The office of Counseling and Career Services has free copies of *The Graduate School Guide*, a comprehensive guide to professional and advanced degree programs in the United States and Canada.

Also available are study guides to assist in preparation for the GRE,

LSAT, MCAT and other graduate admissions exams.

To obtain copies of these publications, visit the Counseling and Career Services office in UC 213.

### H.Y.P.E. Bible Study

Holy Young People Empowered will be hosting a Tuesday night Bible study this semester at the Baptist Student Center, located next to Bradley Book Store.

The study is called "A PHAT Purpose," and will be using *The Purpose-Driven Life* by Rick Warren.

### Jo Helen Beard Award

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of History and Philosophy announces the Jo Helen Beard Award for Best Paper in Civil Rights History. The paper must be written by a West Tennessee undergraduate student.

Students may compete in two categories: a scholarly research paper, with proper documentation, including oral history references and a personal essay. Writers should be prepared to read their paper in April during the annual UT Martin Scholarfest.

Students wishing to submit a 10-12 page paper on the topic of Civil Rights history should contact Professor Angie Widener at (731) 881-7295 or by email at [awidener@utm.edu](mailto:awidener@utm.edu).

Student submitting a paper for the competition must have an accompanying letter from their professor.

The winner for each category of the paper competition will be recog-

nized at the Civil Rights Conference Luncheon held Thursday, February 24th. Deadline for submission is February 15, 2005.

### Philosophy Forum

The Philosophy Forum will meet Tuesday, February 1st at La Canasta at 4 p.m. The topic will be "Does God Suffer?"

### Photography Club

The Photography Club will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesdays in UC 232.

### Religion Panel Discussion

There will be a panel discussion held on Thursday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. in UC 111.

The subject is "Faith in the Face of Disaster," and is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

### SABER Meeting

The next SABER meeting will be held at 6 p.m. today in UC 229.

### STEA

There will be an ice cream and cookie social Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in the LRC in Gooch Hall.

### Talk Time

Talk Time is a free, informal opportunity for student to practice their conversational skills in a comfortable environment.

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UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

The Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee of the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees recently visited the University of Tennessee at Martin. Chancellor Nick Dunagan greets the committee members before a tour of the newly renovated Student Life Center. Pictured are, from left, Dr. Susan Vickerstaff, Martin, faculty trustee; Andrea Loughry, Murfreesboro, committee chair; Barbara Castleman, Martin, trustee; and Lauren Brannon, Alamo, student trustee.

**Board: Continued from cover**

natural resources, tourism and higher education in Weakley County. Barker also spoke of a proposed "Economic Development Leadership Institute," a place where community leaders from across Tennessee can come to learn the latest strategies for remaining competitive in this changing economy. While saying it might not work for every situation, Barker spoke of how Crockett County had voted the previous evening to institute county-wide zoning as a measure of communities and county working together. "It's a local decision, and it is the local people who must lay whatever political divisions and side and start thinking about economic growth," Barker said.

"It is our goal that all 95 counties have a strategic economic development plan in place," Barker said. "But in order for it to be worth more than the paper it is printed on, it has to be implemented fully." He also said that many communities have individual economic development councils, all typically having the same aim. Coordinated efforts, Barker said, were necessary to spur economic growth. One of the objectives, broadband internet in every Tennessee community "is vitally important to recruiting the jobs of the future," Barker said. UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan closed the meeting by identifying three of the main points discussed.

"First, the way we do economic development is changing, and we must change with it," Dunagan said. "Second, we have to partner with each other to accomplish our goals." Dunagan again reiterated Barker's comments about the state willing "to help only those communities that are willing to help themselves." "We have to be able to look at the way we do things and be ready to say that we have to do it a different way," Dunagan said. "When Weakley County succeeds, the better off it is for our students, our children and our grandchildren." More information about the Tennessee Economic Growth Strategy can be found on the Web at <http://www.state.tn.us/ecd/>.



# Police Report

The information contained in this report is taken directly from public records distributed by the UTM Department of Public Safety. DPS can be contacted by calling (731) 881-7777.

- 9:06 a.m. Jan. 24**  
**University Courts**  
A motorist was issued a citation for violation of the child restraint law and was referred to Martin City Court.
- 10:46 a.m. Jan. 24**  
**University Street**  
A motorist was issued a citation for speeding and was referred to Martin City Court.
- 5:36 p.m. Jan. 24**  
**Softball Field**  
Vandalism to a flagpole was reported. Investigation continues.
- 7:48 a.m. Jan. 25**  
**Elam Center**  
A motorist was issued a citation for speeding and an expired license plate, and was referred to Martin City Court.
- 10:55 a.m. Jan. 25**  
**Clement Hall**  
A vendor's vehicle struck a heating unit. The unit is still operational, and the report is on file.
- 12:49 p.m. Jan. 25**  
**University St. & Elm St.**  
A motorist was issued a citation for failing to stop at a red light and was referred to Martin City Court.
- 12:03 p.m. Jan. 26**  
**Elam Center**  
A subject reported her purse stolen. Investigation continues.
- 3:28 p.m. Jan. 26**  
**Browning Hall**  
A subject was cited for simple possession of marijuana and was referred to General Sessions Court.
- 11:13 p.m. Jan. 26**  
**Lot 5, UC**  
A subject was referred to Student Affairs for driving on a sidewalk.
- 1:38 p.m. Jan. 27**  
**Lot 9, McCord Hall**  
A subject reported that his vehicle had been vandalized. Investigation continues.
- 11:32 a.m. Jan. 29**  
**Crisp Hall**  
A student reported their cell phone was stolen. Investigation continues.
- 7:18 p.m. Jan. 30**  
**Browning Hall**  
A student reported being assaulted in their room. Investigation continues.
- 10:47 p.m. Jan. 30**  
**McCord Hall**  
A student reported that their roommate had tampered with some of their property. The issue was referred to Student Affairs.

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CHI OMEGA'S MR. GREEK AT 7:00 P.M. - WATKINS AUDITORIUM

## WEDNESDAY

LINE DANCE AT 7:00 P.M. - FIELDHOUSE (\$2 ADMISSION AT DOOR)

## THURSDAY

GREEK BASKETBALL GAME NIGHT AT 6:00 P.M. - SKYHAWK ARENA  
LIP SYNC AT 10:00 P.M. - FIELDHOUSE (\$3 ADMISSION AT DOOR)

## FRIDAY

STEPSHOW AT 7:00 P.M. - FIELDHOUSE (\$10 ADMISSION AT DOOR)  
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## SATURDAY

GREEK BASKETBALL GAME NIGHT AT 4:00 P.M. - SKYHAWK ARENA

## SUNDAY

GREEK AWARDS AT 6:00 P.M. - STUDENT LIFE CENTER

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# See these books?

**If you were a regular, full-time, undergraduate student in Fall 2003 or Spring 2004, and you haven't picked up your 2004 yearbook, please come to 305 Gooch, the Communications Department, to pick up your book. Thank you.**

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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Theresa Oliver, A&E Editor • E-mail: pacer\_features@mars.utm.edu

## Dance Ensemble preparing for Vanguard Spring performance

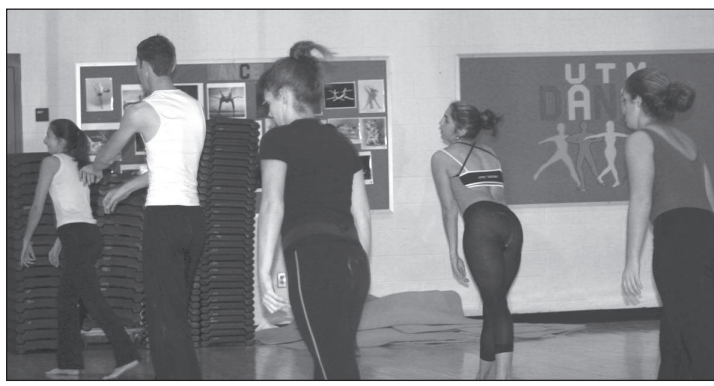
Theresa A. Oliver  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The UTM Dance Ensemble Performance Class, led by teacher Claudia Morris, are currently preparing for their performance before Spring break at the Vanguard Theater within the Fine Arts building on March 9 and 10. "It is a required course mostly for majors," said teacher Claudia Morris. In order to be in the class, the students must be capable of learning and creating choreography. They must have experience in dance.

The class meets all year, pre-

paring for this event. When asked if she was pleased with the class, Morris said, "I am very impressed and pleased with their accomplishments."

"In the spring, we are also collaborating with Leslie LaChance's poetry class," Morris said regarding future performance plans for the group. "The project will be to interpret the poetry through dance. In April, the ensemble has been asked to do liturgical dancing at First Methodist Church here in Martin. Len Solomon has asked us to do it. She is very active in the church and in



KIM FERRELL/The Spirit

The UTM Dance Ensemble class, led by teacher Claudia Morris actively prepare for their Spring Vanguard performance on March 9 and 10.

helping to form the group."

Morris explained that an important factor this year was that three of the students will be the first to receive a new degree in Dance Certification, a degree unique in Tennessee, offered through the Department of Visual and Theater Arts at UTM.

For their spring performance, the group is preparing a Spanish piece by Leonard Cohen, which has ethnic Jewish undertones supported by Matisse paintings projected on the backdrop behind the dancers. The ensemble is also preparing a piece within which

they develop and implement their own choreography. "It is Modern Dance in genre with elements of tap, jazz and ballet," Morris said. "It is representative of their generation and about the struggle between whether or not to conform to society and peers. It's easier to conform. By being an individual, they risk failure and being exploited. It's riskier to be an individual. The students came up with the idea on their own. I'm very proud of them for thinking like artists. Students are creating based on their own issues about where they are in life right now. It is something

they feel strongly about."

When asked if Morris had anything else to add, she said, "They are learning to dance inside the music by feeling an impulse and translating that impulse through the music. That in itself is a lot of work."

Ethan Pullman, a guest artist, will be helping with the Spanish piece. They will be mixing Flamenco and Latin Ballroom dancing. Pullman is also planning to teach two

master classes while he is in town. Salsa, Merengue and Cha Cha will be among the featured dances. The master classes, scheduled will be held in the Elam dance studio and are scheduled for Sunday March 6 at 4:00 p.m. and Monday March 7 at 5:30 p.m. and will be open to the campus and community.



KIM FERRELL/The Spirit

Natalie Carroll (center) and classmates prepare a piece for their upcoming Spring performance at the Vanguard Theater on March 9 and 10.



KIM FERRELL/The Spirit

UTM Dance Ensemble student practices her moves in preparation for the Spring Vanguard performance on March 9 and 10.

## The Vampire Lestat: Book Two in Series

Elizabeth Watts  
Assistant Sections Editor

*The Vampire Lestat* is the second book in *The Vampire Chronicles* series. *The Vampire Lestat* was written by Anne Rice in 1985, nine years after she wrote *An Interview with the Vampire* in 1976.

In *An Interview with the Vampire*, Louis tells his life story as a vampire. While reliving his life as a vampire, he mentions Lestat as his maker and what they experienced together. In *The Vampire Lestat*, it's Lestat's turn to tell his side of the story.

In the beginning, Lestat is underground in New York City and is awoken by a goth rock band practicing in an apartment close by. After laying underground and reflecting on modern times, he remembers his past and how times were before he was a vampire.

Lestat grew up in France with a family that barely noticed him. He had a special relationship with his mother even though she was not loving and affectionate. He was sent to school and thought about becoming a priest. After being removed from the school against his will, he runs away with an acting troop. He is taken back home against his will by his father and brothers. On his return home, Lestat's mother suggests that he befriend a local violin player named Nicholas. They spend many nights together

getting drunk and talking about their childhood, their dreams and philosophy.

They decide to travel to Paris to see if they can make it big in the theater. However, it was in Paris that Lestat becomes a vampire against his will. Lestat's maker takes him to an old castle and gives him enough jewels and money to live off forever. Without teaching him anything about being a vampire, Lestat's maker jumps into a fire and kills himself.

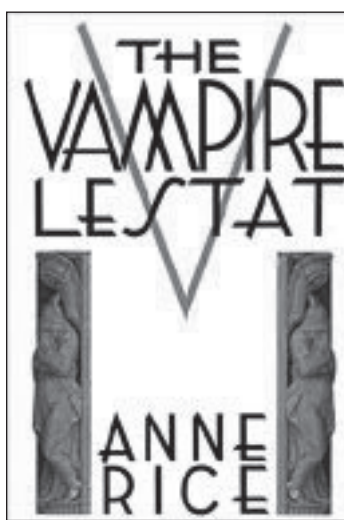
As he struggles with his immortality, Lestat travels to Europe to find the origins of vampires. On his travels, he meets two very old vampires named Armand and Marius. Through Marius, Lestat learns something about the origin of his immortal ancestors and how the very first vampires still live.

In the end, you learn of Lestat's plan to become the lead singer of a rock band. His plan is to unite all of the vampires from around the world.

On Anne Rice's website it says, "Breaking the vampire code of silence, Lestat reveals himself to the world in hope that the world's immortals will rise and join together to solve the mystery of their, and his, existence."

Unfortunately, someone from Lestat's past doesn't like this idea and sets out to destroy his plan and everything it stands for.

The New York Times Book Review says, "Brilliant...its undead characters are utter-



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ly alive."

The Village Voice says, "Fiercely ambitious, nothing less than a complete unnatural history of vampires."

In *The Vampire Lestat*, the reader learns the history behind Lestat and what he hopes to accomplish as a vampire. The reader also learns his thoughts and his emotions as he struggles with the concept of immortality. Be prepared though, *The Vampire Lestat* ends with a giant cliffhanger that makes the reader want to pick up the third book in the series, *The Queen of the Damned*, and continue with the story.

\**The Vampire Lestat* is the second in *The Vampire Chronicle Series* written by Anne Rice and will continue to be featured in a five book series by Elizabeth Watts in the coming weeks.

## Coach Carter: Basketball on a whole new level

Tabatha Thurman  
Staff Writer

At many high schools across the country, playing basketball has the tendency to be more important than getting good grades and getting into college. For the Richmond Oilers, basketball didn't concern anything but basketball.

*Coach Carter* is a movie based on a true story about a high school basketball team that deals with the struggles of everyday street life with very little focus on academics. The Richmond Oilers never had any idea that their new basketball coach would change their lives forever. Coach Carter, played by Samuel L. Jackson, arrived at Richmond High School on his first day eager to make a change in Richmond's losing streak. The team wasn't thrilled about his arrival after having a previous coach that let them do whatever they wanted.

Coach Carter made the team members sign a contract stating that they would maintain grade point averages of at least a 2.3 in order to play on the team. Parents argued about the contract, but the team proceeded to sign them. Damien Carter, Coach Carter's son, played by Robert Richardson, enrolled at Richmond and became a part of the team as well and the obstacle of keeping good grades was not one of his downfalls. The team starts to win game after game not realizing that it was only a matter of time before Coach

### Coach Carter

Director: Thomas Carter  
Paramount  
Rated: PG-13



out of five



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Carter found out that they were not completing the necessary requirements of the contract.

Coach Carter proceeded to get tutors for the team, but they couldn't continue to play ball until their grades came up. Therefore, he put the gymnasium on lock down and cancelled numerous games creating upset parents as well as the community. Carter's main focus was to ensure that each member of the team would get into college. Coach Carter is directed by Thomas Carter with Paramount Pictures. Rob Brown, Ashanti, Antwon

Tanner, and Texas Battle all play excellent roles in this film. *Coach Carter* was released on January 14, 2005.

I thought that this movie was inspirational. Samuel L. Jackson did a remarkable job portraying the character of Coach Carter. He was determined to put the team's future and their education before anything and he also managed to make a winning team out of the players all at the same time. While in the process, he helped the team to understand that they didn't have to live the street life. This is one movie that every student should see.

## American comedic icon Johnny Carson dies at 79

Mary Beth Lewis  
Staff Writer

Johnny Carson, considered one of the greatest comics of our time, died January 23, 2005, in his Malibu home of emphysema at the age of 79. As host of *The Tonight Show* from 1962 to 1992 he came into the homes of Americans five nights a week and wowed them with his warm, charming and clean humor. Senior nursing major from Union City, Jessica Morris said, "He had a way of reaching out of the TV. to pull his audiences in."

His guest list throughout 4,531 episodes includes great comedians such as Billy

Cosby, Joan Rivers and Robin Williams when they were still very new to the business. Rivers has said, "The Carson show changed your life, if Carson liked you, you were set. He got the bright comics. He picked the ones who were different, who were smart." Along with an extraordinary guest list, he also will be remembered for bits he did during his shows like "Carnac the Magnificent" where Carson would play a bad psychic. The last episode of *The Tonight Show* hosted by Carson aired on May 22, 1992, and was watched by over 50 million people. His last guest, actress Bette Midler, serenaded Carson

with "One More for My Baby" on the next to last show. Midler has said, "He had it all. A little bit of devil, a whole lot of angel, wit, charm, good looks, superb timing and great, great class." *The Tonight Show* earned 42 Emmy nominations and won seven of these awards during Carson's time as host. Carson himself in 1975 won a Golden Globe for his work on the show.

An outlet that Carson had for his humor after his retirement was that of David Letterman, colleague and friend. There were several times after reading the morning paper he would send jokes to Letterman that



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would be used on CBS's *The Late Show* that is hosted by Letterman.

Carson was honored and beloved by his colleagues and

America because when he was in front of the cameras, he felt like a family member to all of the viewers. President Bush described Carson as "a

steady and reassuring presence in homes across America for three decades." However, his personal life remained very private. Carson liked to be out of the public eye during his career and after his retirement, only making very few public appearances since 1992. Little was known about his battle that he was fighting.

America has lost a legend. Once, when he was asked what would be on his epitaph, he said like a true talk-show host, "I'll be right back."

# Meet the Fockers: Driven by sex, but good slapstick comedy

Neena Shetsky  
Staff Writer

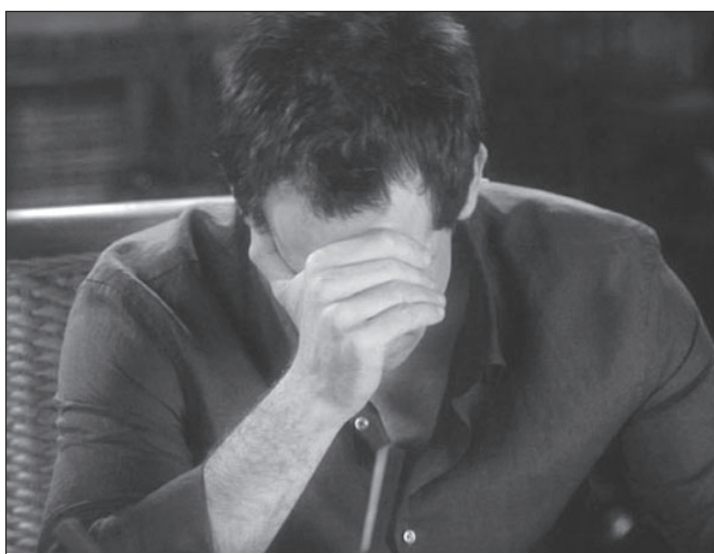
Some people know just what it means to meet the future in-laws for the first time, but when the in-laws meet each other for the first time, you never know what might happen.

Having given permission to male nurse Greg Focker, played by Ben Stiller, to wed his daughter, ex-CIA agent Jack Byrnes, played by Robert De Niro, and his wife travel to Miami to "meet the parents," who this time around are Mr. and Mrs. Focker, played by Dustin Hoffman and Barbara Streisand. The Fockers are as different from the norm, or the Byrnes, as can be. The movie starts in the hospital where Greg works. The comedy starts right away with Greg delivering a baby for a European couple. The father, proud of his accomplishment, asks to name the baby after Greg as a tradition, but the joy is short lived when Greg's name tag is revealed and Gaylord appears.

When he comes home from the hospital, Greg and Pam are off to the airport to pick up Pam's parents. More comedy on the way to the airport you might ask? Surprisingly enough, Greg's good fortune comes into play when he and a certain special flight attendant meet each other again. When they arrive back to their house, they decide to rent an RV and drive to Miami to meet Greg's parents instead of flying. This time, Jack is accompanied by his young grandson, Little Jack, who he is turning into a little super-machine. When they finally arrive in Miami, it's true what they say about first impressions as they break the ice with Greg's par-

ents, Bernie and Roz Focker. Craziness starts again and Greg is caught in the middle, like always. Bernie is a retired lawyer, comfortable as a middle-aged househusband who practices his new-found passion of Brazilian martial arts every morning outside their Florida home. Roz is the breadwinner, but her profession is as unorthodox as Bernie's odd behavior: she's a sex therapist specializing in senior issues. The combination of the two families is sure to bring excitement to the screen.

*Meet the Fockers* is directed by Jay Roach with Universal Pictures. This movie has an all star cast with Ben Stiller, Robert De Niro, Dustin Hoffman, and Barbara Streisand in leading



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roles. *Meet the Fockers* was released on Dec. 22, 2004. Carina Chocano of the Los

Angeles Times says *Meet the Fockers* is, "One of those relatively rare comedies that's at

## Meet the Fockers

Director: Jay Roach  
Universal Studios  
Rated: PG-13



out of five stars

once puerile, charming and very funny throughout."

I was pleasantly surprised with this movie. I laughed my head off at many points during this 1 hour 54 minute comedy. It seems the film is driven by a lot of sexual implications and sex crazed jokes, but is balanced out

with funny baby jokes. I like that the film takes advantage of what it established in its original movie, because not many good sequels do that. I think this movie is worth the money to get in. So if you want to see a good slapstick comedy, then *Meet the Fockers* is the movie for you.

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## Women fly over Eagles, fall to Colonels on Kentucky road trip



NANCY TAGGART / The Richmond Register

A host of Skyhawks try and take control of the ball against Lady Colonel Ashley Cazee Saturday night in Richmond. EKU snapped the Skyhawks four-game OVC winning streak, the longest since the 1999-2000 season.

### UTM Sports Information

Sophomore Andreika Jackson shot 60 percent from the field and knocked down 16 points to lead the UTM to a 55-50 win over host Morehead State Thursday night in Ellis T. Johnson Arena.

The win was the fourth consecutive Ohio Valley Conference win for the Skyhawks.

Skyhawk first-year head coach Tara Tansil was happy to escape Morehead with the conference win, but she was not overly pleased with the way her team played.

"We had to fight hard to win," Tansil said. "We knew it was going to be tough to win at Morehead because they are 5-1 in here."

The Skyhawks led by nine points at the half, 28-19, and enjoyed a nine-point lead on several occasions in the second half.

With 4:19 to play in the game, Morehead State knotted the score at 46-all as Jessi Plante completed an old fashion three-point play.

The Skyhawks rallied with a 5-0 run as Rivers canned a three-pointer with 3:49 to play and Jackson sank a layup at the 2:46 mark.

The Skyhawks sealed the win with four consecutive free throws in the final 52 seconds.

On Saturday night, the Skyhawks kept things interesting, but Eastern Kentucky defeated UTM on their home court in Richmond, Ky., ending the Skyhawks four-game Ohio Valley Conference winning streak.

Eastern Kentucky posted a 73-63 win over the Skyhawks. Freshman Ashley Cazee led the Lady Colonels with 17 points.

The last time UTM posted such a streak was during the 1999-2000 season.

The Skyhawks kept the

game close, never letting the lead exceed 12-points, but they were unable to get within 3-points of the lead after halftime.

"EKU was a very physical game, it was hard for us to play, especially getting into early foul trouble with Andreika Jackson and Jenny Lannom," said.

The Skyhawks missed Jackson, who got into foul trouble early in the game, posting two fouls in the first three minutes of play.

This is the first time this season a conference opponent has held Jackson to single digit points and only the fourth time this season that any opponent has accomplished that feat.

The Skyhawks' bench gave some important minutes during the night, with 12 players seeing action.

"We had to turn to our bench, they gave a great effort in the first half," said Tansil.

"Tiffany Arnold played

her best game all season. Hopefully she will build on that."

Arnold, a sophomore forward, led 10 Skyhawks with a career-high 16 points in 16 minutes, shooting 7-7 from the floor and 2-3 from behind the foul line.

Senior guard Danielle Page posted 10 points and 8 assists, and was 2-5 from the floor with 5-5 from behind the foul line.

Jackson and Senior Leigh Ann Davidson each posted 4 rebounds for the Skyhawks, who were out rebounded by the Colonels 36-32.

"We didn't play our best defensively in the end. We let them take a lot of open shots, didn't box out and missed about 10 free throws. That alone could have made the difference," said Tansil.

The Skyhawks look to extend their OVC wins to 6 as they host Southeast Missouri Thursday February 3; Tipoff is set for 5:30 p.m. (CT).

## Men drop fifth consecutive game, fall to 1-6 in OVC play

**Brad Hurt**  
Staff Writer

UTM came within a few minutes of pulling off a huge road victory as they traveled to Morehead State and led for a large portion of the game before falling to a late Morehead rally, 75-69.

The Skyhawks led by as many as 10 points in the second half and held a one-point lead at 52-51 with 7:30 remaining in the game before Morehead State took control.

The Eagles shot 63 percent for the game, including 71 percent in the second half, when they overcame a five point Skyhawk halftime advantage.

As the second half started, MSU benefited from two UTM turnovers to trim the lead to one with 17:47 left only to see the Skyhawks push it up to 10 at 48-38 with 13:00 left.

"We got away from what got us the lead. We got in a hurry," said Skyhawk coach Bret Campbell.

Eagles guard Quinton Smith had a huge game, scoring 29 points to lead all scorers.

Smith hit a three-pointer as part of a 6-0 MSU run

that pulled them to within a point, 50-49, with 8:30 left.

After the Eagles claimed the lead on their next offensive possession, Skyhawk guard Aaron Ferrell punctuated a fast break with a layup to give UTM its last lead at 52-51.

"I thought Aaron Ferrell gave us the best game of his career. We need to have guys step up and have career nights," Campbell said.

Ferrell started in place of suspended point guard Tyler George, who missed the game as a result of an altercation during the Tennessee State game on January 20.

With about five minutes to go, MSU took over the game, helped by its amazing accuracy from the field.

The lead was 61-56 for the Eagles with 4:15 UTM's Justin Smith hit a three-pointer, followed by a Will

Lewis steal and dunk.

The teams traded free throws down the stretch, but the game was just out of the reach of the Skyhawks.

UTM finished the game shooting 42 percent from the floor.

The Skyhawks out-rebounded the Eagles, 33-29, and forced 20 Eagle turnovers while committing only 17.

UTM was led by Jason Thompson with 15 points and Cleve Woodfork with 14 points.

Jared Newson joined them in double figures with 11 points. Will Lewis added 10 points of his own.

The emotional hangover from Thursday night's tough loss combined with the stress of the difficult annual Kentucky road trip proved harmful to the Skyhawks as they were defeated by Eastern Kentucky on Saturday, 95-

71. The Colonels charged to an early 7-0 lead before the Skyhawks settled down and closed the gap to 10-6.

A Jared Newson free throw brought the team to within a point of EKU at 16-15 before the Colonels began their offensive domination.

EKU hit 12 three-pointers in the game, led by Ben Rushing with four.

Their outside shooting allowed the Colonels to extend the lead to 55-35 at halftime.

The colonels continued their torrid shooting pace as the lead ballooned to 72-46 at the under-12 media timeout.

The margin eventually reached 30 points at 87-57 with 4:06 remaining before the Skyhawks trimmed it to the final difference of 24 points.

"It's very hard to go through this again," said Campbell. "When you allow 95 points, you're not beating anybody."

EKU shot 50 percent from beyond the arc compared to UTM's 30.

The Colonels also out rebounded the Skyhawks, 30-29, and forced 18 turnovers while giving the ball up only



NANCY TAGGART / The Richmond Register

Junior guard Marcus Ford throws up his hands in an attempt to avoid the foul against EKU's Zach Ingles.

13 times.

The Skyhawks were led by Jared Newson's 20 points and 10 rebounds. Cleve Woodfork added 15 points for UTM.

"We're not good enough to have one or two players show up," said Campbell. "We need everyone to show up and that didn't happen."

For the Skyhawks, it was their seventh loss in eight conference games, dropping their record to 4-15 overall.

The Skyhawks will look to get back in the win column as they come home for four straight games beginning Thursday, February 3, against Southeast Missouri.

**Upcoming UTM Basketball\***

2/3	W/M vs. Southeast Missouri	(5:30 pm)
2/5	W/M vs. Eastern Illinois	(4:00 pm)
2/10	W/M vs. Austin Peay	(5:30 pm)
2/12	W/M vs. Tennessee Tech	(4:00 pm)

\*All OVC games  
Tip off of women's game in parentheses

## Skyhawk football honors seniors, best of 2004 at awards banquet



AMY EDDINGS / The Pacer

Seniors (from left to right) Lucas Ingram, John Castillo, Sanders Trent, Andrew Staten and Russell Gambrell were recognized at Saturday night's awards banquet.

**Amy Eddings**  
Sports Editor

The first Skyhawk Football Awards banquet, under the direction of head coach Matt Griffin, was held Saturday night in the Student Life Center on campus.

Seven awards were presented to players who excelled in a particular area on the field or in the classroom.

The Bob Carroll Academic

Excellence Award was given to junior quarterback and team co-captain Brady Wahlberg.

The Panama City native has a 3.82 cumulative grade-point average, is on the Dean's List, the Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll, has received the UTM Biology Department's Academic Excellence Award, and was one of six 2004 OVC Student Athletes of the Year.

"Academics have always

been an important part of my life," said Wahlberg. "Thank you (to the team) for electing me captain. It really meant a lot to me and I worked very hard to be a leader on and off the field."

The Gary Doble Senior Leadership Honor was awarded to a player who, according to defensive coordinator Mark Lister, "has been an inspiration to myself and the entire team."

Senior linebacker, John

Castillo, was grateful for his award and was optimistic about the Skyhawks' future.

"I learned a lot from each and every one of you," Castillo told his team. "I feel this program is capable of winning the OVC within the next couple of years."

Junior offensive linebacker Jody Wamble received the Julian Nunamaker Most Improved Player Award.

Presented by offensive coordinator Mickey Fein, Wamble was described by his coach as someone who "worked as hard as anyone and never complained about one thing on or off the field."

Wamble had several thanks to give as he accepted the trophy. First to head coach Matt Griffin, who Wamble said gave him a chance when no one else would.

He also thanked UTM, for "allowing him (Wamble) the chance to earn a college degree and realize the dream of playing college football."

The next award was given to the special teams player that "laid out and got dirty every week," according to linebackers coach Dwayne Wilmot.

Junior cornerback Jason Coleman, who said he felt honored to even be considered, received the Col.

Henry Ruth Special Forces Award for his performance on the field, being the team's leading punt and kick-off returner.

For his pummeling of a Tennessee State player during the game in Martin Sept. 9, sophomore Mark Wheeler was given the Desi Collins Big Hit of the Year Award.

It was evident from the reaction from the crowd during the video presentation of the nominees that Wheeler had won the award.

Wheeler, the 6-foot-1-inch, 180-pound defensive back, beat out players who outweighed him by more than 50 pounds, including Castillo.

Last, but not least, were the two big awards of the night: the Bobby Fowler Most Valuable Offensive and Defensive Player Awards.

The offensive MVP was someone who was described by Coach Fein in two words -- determination and accountability. This player had zero fumbles the entire season and was named the first ever OVC Freshman of the Year.

Running back Donald Chapman accepted his award, and instead of making a speech, in an impressive

display of humility, simply asked his offensive line to stand up.

The crowd applauded his teammates and Chapman walked off stage, allowing his line to take the praise.

The defensive award went to the player who led the OVC in both total tackles and forced fumbles.

Sophomore linebacker Markeseo Jackson, who was also chosen by Fein as the Skyhawks' first-round pick in the Best Dressed Draft, accepted his honor with an emotional speech.

"I have to thank God for this opportunity," said Jackson. "We take too many days for granted. Playing football is a blessing."

"I know we've been going through a rough time and haven't been winning as much, but next year is a big year, and I'm ready to go with (the team)."

"We're a family," said Griffin, wrapping up the ceremony. "Not just the guys in the locker room now, but the guys who came before and the guys who will come after."

"We've built this program on character," he said. "It's the only way to get ahead, and that's the Skyhawk advantage. Character."



# Skyhawk cheerleaders finish 10th at UCA nationals over Christmas break

Neena Shetsky  
Staff Writer

The UTM cheerleaders ranked 10th in the nation at the UCA College Cheerleading competition held January 14-16 at Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida.

As the UTM cheerleaders walked onto the floor at the competition, the school's fight song was being played.

"Hearing our school song really pumped us up," said Katie Lyn Beasley, a freshman cheerleader and health and human performance major from Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

This was the first time that UTM has competed in the UCA competition. Last year the team completed in the NCA national competition.

The squad was judged on cheering, tumbling and stunts. Practice leading up to the competition was long and grueling.

"Each cheerleader practiced 16-20 hours a week and at the football and basketball games," said Fran Spears, head coach of the UTM cheerleading squad and head coach of the three-time national champion Martin Middle School cheer squad.

"We practiced really hard, giving up our Christmas break with practices twice a day, but it was well worth it," said Beasley.

UTM competed in the Division I cheerleading competition with 15 other top squads.

"Being surrounded by the best college cheerleading teams in the nation was a really good experience, though we were nervous, it made us work even harder," said Beasley.

Pictures of the Skyhawk



www.varsity.com

The UTM cheerleading squad pumps up the crowd at the UCA national championships in Orlando, Fla.

cheerleading squad in action can be seen on the Varsity.com website.

The Universal Cheerleading Association is one of the largest cheerleading camp and competition companies in the world. They support over 200,000 coaches and participants in the United States alone.

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6. Southwest Missouri
7. Western Kentucky
8. Eastern Illinois
9. Sam Houston State
10. Tennessee-Martin

# Skyhawk of the Month

Amy Eddings  
Sports Editor

Sophomore guard Andreika Jackson has been named the Skyhawk of the Month for her efforts over the month of January.

The 5-foot 8-inch, Decatur, Ga. native, had a career high 33-points and 14 rebounds, picking up her first double-double of the season in the victory over Ohio Valley Conference rival Murray State.

In the away victory against the Morehead State Eagles, Andreika picked up 16 points, shooting an impressive 60 percent from the field with nine rebounds.

Jackson leads the Skyhawks with 239 points, 114 rebounds, and 22 steals after 21 games.

Because of these feats, Jackson was named as the OVC Player of the Week for the week of Jan. 24.

Helping Jackson out on the court with their own impressive efforts were senior guard Danielle Paige, senior forward Leigh Ann Davidson, junior guard Nicole Rivers and freshman forward Tiffany Arnold.

Paige knocked down 11 points in the victory over Morehead, the other only player to score in double digits that night.

Both Davidson and Rivers each picked up five rebounds against the Eagles.

In the loss to Eastern Kentucky, Jackson was held to single digits for the first time all season and ended up in foul trouble early in the first half.

Arnold came off the bench to score 16 points in 16 minutes. She was 7-7 from the floor and 2-3 from the foul line.

Paige also picked up 10 points and eight assists in the conference loss against EKV.

The women's basketball team is now 6-13 on the season, posting a 5-3 OVC record.

They next take the floor Thursday, Feb. 3, against Southeast Mo. State at 5:30 p.m.



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Sophomore guard  
Andreika Jackson



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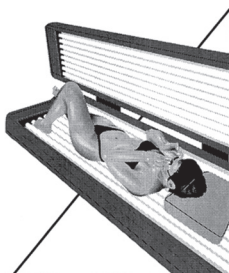
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